MINUTES OF THE ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION MEDICAL FEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING BILANDIC BUILDING, 160 N. LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60601 – ROOM N-505 HELD ON JUNE 20, 2013 at 1:00 PM

Present at the meeting were:

Chairman Michael Latz Ms. Barb Molloy, Molloy Consulting

Participating via telephone were:

Mr. Bill McAndrew, Illinois Hospital Association

Mr. Jason Keller, Illinois AFL-CIO

Ms. Dianne McGuire, College of DuPage Board of Trustees

Not present at the meeting were:

Dr. Avi Bernstein, The Spine Center

Ms. Kimberly Moreland, Rising Medical Solutions

Dr. Michael Vender, Hand Surgery Associates

IWCC staff present were:

Mr. Ron Rascia, General Counsel

Ms. Susan Piha, Manager of Research and Education

Ms. Kim Janas, Secretary of the Commission

Mr. Glen Boyle, Project Manager (via phone)

Chairman Michael Latz called the meeting order and noted that there was not a quorum of members present. Although this means that the Board could not take any official action at this meeting, including the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on March 13, 2013, Chairman Latz stated that the meeting would proceed as scheduled.

Chairman Latz started the meeting by providing a Commission update. He described to the Board members the progress of the implementation of HB 1698, which was legislation initiated by the Commission to address audit findings and outdated processes. Chairman Latz summarized the provisions of the bill and indicated that Commission staff was working on necessary operational changes, communicating with interested parties, and monitoring the bill to see when it would be signed by Governor Quinn. In terms of pending administrative rules, Chairman Latz stated that the Commission was continuing to monitor the progress of the electronic billing rule, which was part of the new reforms of Public Act 97-18. The second notice has yet to be filed for this rule. The second notice filing means that the rule will be reviewed at a hearing of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Next, Glen Boyle provided his report to the Board, which examined the Commission's Fee Schedule for billing codes without assigned reimbursements. After conducting a review of the entire Fee Schedule, Mr. Boyle stated that approximately over 90% of codes currently have a specific fee schedule reimbursement in all regions. In addition, for the commonly used codes for workers' compensation medical services, Mr. Boyle estimated that 99% of these charges have an assigned reimbursement. Mr. Boyle then presented the Board members with several handouts which explained his proposed methodology for addressing those codes without reimbursements. Chairman Latz thanked Mr. Boyle for his work and stated that the Board would take his initial report under advisement, as no formal action could be taken by the Board at that time due to the lack of a quorum.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Latz adjourned the meeting.